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1. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HUIBREGTSE,
FOLLOWING UP EARLIER CALL BY MINISTER PRONK (REFTEL),
CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE (IO) APRIL 17
TO DISCUSS CONSULTATIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SPECIAL
SESSION UNGA.

2. PRESENTING THE HAGUE'S REACTION TO EARLIER PRONK-BLAKE
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CONVERSATION, HUIBREGTSE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT

APPRECIATED U.S. INITIATIVE IN STARTING CONSULTATIONS ON 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND AGREED TO FORA PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. THE BASIS OF GON POLICY WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS NON-CONFRONTATION, AND IT IS GON VIEW THAT REAL FINANCIAL SACRIFICES WILL BE REQUIRED BY WESTERN COUNTRIES TO ENSURE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. ANY DIALOGUE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY REAL PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IS APT TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. ON COORDINATION OF POLICY, GON AGREES TO EXPLORE HOW FAR WE CAN GO, BUT DOES NOT THINK THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD STRIVE FOR A COMMON STAND AT ANY

PRICE. GON, WHICH SEEKS TO SERVE AS A BRIDGE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, COULD NOT ACCEPT A COMMON POLICY WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT A LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HUIBREGTSE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE MOST FRUITFUL FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS WITH RESPECT TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IS THE PREPCOM IN NEW YORK.

3. BLAKE ANSWERED THAT OUR VIEW IS THAT DISCUSSION IN CAPITALS, RATHER THAN IN THE PREPCOM, IS MORE APPROPRIATE AND MUCH MORE FRUITFUL FOR SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS. TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BREAK-DOWN OF THE PARIS MEETING, BLAKE RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOW A LITTLE LESS HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD AVOID CONFRONTATION AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE LDCS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ALGERIA BELIEVE IN FORCING THE PACE RATHER THAN LOOKING FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROGRAM. PERHAPS THEY THINK THAT THEY MUST PLAY THE OIL CARD TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT WHILE IT IS STILL GOOD. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE MAY BE NO POSSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATION WITH THE LDCS, AND WE COULD ACCORDINGLY, CONTRARY TO OUR HOPES, EXPERIENCE A SET-BACK TO THE CAUSE OF COOPERATION AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. HUIBREGTSE STATED THAT HE FOUND THESE VIEWS "VERY INTERESTING," BUT OBSERVED "THEY WILL NOT LIKE THEM" IN THE HAGUE.

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5. BLAKE CAUTIONED AGAINST CONSIDERING THE PICTURE AS ONE OF "UNRELIEVED GLOOM". WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF A LONG, LONG PROCESS. HE CONCLUDED BY POSING TWO QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE HAGUE. FIRST, IN LIGHT OF PARIS HOW DO WE NOW GO ABOUT OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES? SECOND, WHAT DOES THE HAGUE BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE AGENDA PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE DAKAR CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS? KISSINGER

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